ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

Adding Aspire to the Accountability Report Cards
For a number of years we've heard the call to measure high school growth in the Accountability Report Cards. And it has long been OEA's goal to include a high school growth measure, honoring the intent of the original accountability design recommendations. Recently OEA analyzed the technical plausibility of adding Aspire data in the report cards. That analysis confirmed our intent to include Aspire as part of report card calculations. Here's our plan.

In preparation for including Aspire results as part of 2018-19 accountability report cards (those released in Fall 2019), **we plan to release value-added growth reports for high schools and districts this fall for information only.**

These value-added growth reports will provide a preview of what growth scores for high schools could look like, and serve as a transition to a richer view of high school performance. It is important to understand that the value-added reports will only offer one view of Aspire performance; they will <u>not</u> tell you what a school's overall score might be; and because value-added is a normative measure, these reports should <u>not</u> be used to predict School Growth scores in future accountability report cards.

We plan to provide these value-added reports in SAFE; we do not plan to release these publicly. They will be available securely for schools and districts to inform understanding of performance on this growth measure before it is to be used in accountability scoring in 2018-19 report cards. **In short, we'll create separate and secure reports for value-added growth for high schools and districts this fall as a transition year.**

> Please note: DPI does not currently have Aspire data for non-choice students in choice schools that opt to receive an *All Students Report Card*. These schools would receive the Aspire growth report <u>just</u> for their *Choice Students Report Card*.

Following this transition year, we anticipate including Aspire in at least the School Growth priority area starting in 2018-19. Aspire may also be included in Student Achievement and Closing Gaps calculations. We look forward to working with you throughout this transition year to include Aspire in the report card calculations. In the meantime, if you have questions, please feel free to contact us: reportcardhelp@dpi.wi.gov.

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Office of Student Assessment

Thank you for successfully administering the spring assessments in a timely manner. Please visit the [2017-18 Vendor-Based Reporting Information](#) for a one-page overview of the 2017-18 spring testing reports available from vendors (i.e., description, where/when available, etc.). This document outlines the following for the various reports:

- Report description
- Report format
- Where to access the report
- The anticipated date/timeline of the report release date
- Recommended use of the report

Since test windows have closed, OSA will have minimal updates for the next few weeks, but accountability updates will continue to be sent via the DAC Digest. As always, if you have any assessment questions, please feel free to contact us at osamail@dpi.wi.gov.

OSA OFFICE HOURS WEBINAR
OSA Office Hours Webinar
Thank you for joining the OSA Office Hours webinar held on Thursday, May 17th from 9:30 - 10:30. Please visit the [DAC Resources & Trainings webpage](#) for the PPT slides and the archived webinar.

Strategic Assessment
SmartTeach Application
The spring 2018 pilot for the SmartTeach application was a great success. Teachers provided valuable feedback that will be used to create more user friendly and classroom applicable features. We are planning an open pilot in the fall of 2018 to test the new features. Again, we are inviting K-5 teachers (at least two within one school) to join the pilot in the fall. These K-5 educators will use the app and provide feedback to our application development team about the usability of the features and suggest additional features that would enhance the tool.

What are the expectations for pilot participants?
Required Components
- Use the SmartTeach application regularly
- Provide honest feedback to DPI
- Assist the DPI development team in identifying issues and concerns along with providing potential solutions
- [Join Google+ Community](#)

Optional Components
- Attend one 30 minute online training via web conference
- Attend one 1 hour phone interview with DPI application development team
- Host site visit from DPI application development team - 1 hour shadowing session

Please read the [pilot description](#) and fill out this [google form](#) if you are interested. Your spot within the pilot program is not reserved until the form has been completed and submitted.

To Check Out SmartTeach version 1.0: (enhancements and new features will be added over the summer in preparation for the open pilot in the fall)
- [Link to SmartTeach App](#)
- Video Demonstrations
  - [Logging into SmartTeach](#)
  - [Taking a Note on a Student Activity](#)
  - [Marking Student Proficiency on Rubric](#)
  - [Viewing Student Notes](#)
- [SmartTeach User Guide](#)

Contact lauren.zellmer@dpi.wi.gov with questions.

Forward Exam

Reminders:

Forward Exam Educator Involvement Opportunity - New Item Review
DPI is making final participants selections, from the pool of applicants, for the "New Item Review" meetings for the Forward Exam. We are recruiting five to six individuals (including special education and English language educators) in each of the content areas and grade levels listed. Those selected will be notified May 30 - June 8, via email.

Data and Results
Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be made available electronically in eDIRECT June 22. eDIRECT reporting tools will allow users to extract data in an Excel or .csv file. Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts July 23.

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

Score reports
Score reports will be made available this year in late June. This is a change of delivery date from last year and is much earlier. The goal with score reports, as we move forward, is to make sure you are using these reports to guide instruction.

ACT HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS
New:
Summary calendar of delivery dates for reports
May
- ACT score reports delivered to students, schools, and colleges
- WorkKeys score reports delivered to schools
- Schools distribute WorkKeys Individual Summary Score Reports to students

June
- Schools and districts receive ACT Profile Reports via FedEx and in PAnext
- Districts receive ACT student-level data file cd via FedEx

July
- WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates and myworkeys.com student login information is available in SAFE
- Districts work with schools to print certificates and distribute certificates and login info to students
- Aspire reports and scores available to schools and districts in the Aspire portal
- Schools print and distribute Aspire reports to students and families

Reporting updates from ACT
The following updates were communicated to schools this fall from ACT and again in the December 21, 2017 ACT biweekly email from OSA:
- **ACT ELA Benchmark**: Beginning in fall 2017, the ELA benchmark will be included on individual student score reports, along with the other benchmarks. ACT's national ELA benchmark is set at 20, the same as the Wisconsin ACT ELA benchmark.
- **Aspire Writing Score**: Beginning in fall 2017, ACT Aspire has updated reporting for the writing test to no longer include an overall writing scale score. The writing section of the ACT Aspire will still contribute to the Aspire ELA score. The four writing reporting categories (domains) for the ACT Aspire writing test will continue to be reported on the Individual Student Reports.
- **Aspire ELA and STEM Benchmarks**: Beginning in fall 2017, ACT Aspire ELA and STEM benchmarks will be updated to align with the College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT. The revised benchmarks can be found in the Fall 2017 Interpretive Guide for the ACT Aspire Summative Reports.
- Read more about Aspire reporting updates here: https://www.discoveractaspire.org/fall-2017-reporting-updates/

ACT WorkKeys
Reminders:
Score reports and certificate delivery
WorkKeys score reports were mailed to schools last week. Schools should distribute the Individual Student Summary Reports to students.

WorkKeys score reports are also accessible via the Validus reports portal. ACT sent two emails to schools on May 11: one email with a link to Validus and a second email with login information. ACT WorkKeys Online Reports Portal User Guide provides instructions for this feature. Score Reports Available in Online Reports Portal provides a list and description of the available reports.

Students who earned a score of at least 3 on all three tests earned a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). Certificates will be available to districts in SAFE in early July. DACs will need to work with school test coordinators to print and distribute NCRCs to students.

In SAFE, districts will also find a WorkKeys data file for each school that includes students' usernames and passwords for myworkkeys.com. DACs will need to work with school test coordinators to distribute this login information to students. DACs can use the sample MyWorkKeys user id letter and sample MyWorkKeys password letter. SAFE will be updated in early July with certificates and the data files.

The chart below summarizes the various WorkKeys score reports, where they are located, and the action needed to distribute the reports.

WorkKeys Report Name	Location	Date Available	Action Needed
Individual student summary reports	Mailed to the school and found in the Validus reports portal	May 11	Distribute to students.
Summary score reports	Mailed to the school and found in the Validus reports portal	May 11	Keep for student files.
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC)	SAFE	July	Print and distribute to students.
Student usernames and passwords for myworkkeys.com	SAFE	July	Distribute to students using the sample MyWorkKeys user id letter and sample MyWorkKeys password letter.
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC)	www.myworkkeys.com	July	Students can print their own NCRC using the username and password found in the data file in SAFE.

Resources for understanding, interpreting, and using WorkKeys scores
The following resources are linked on the Workkeys Data and Results webpage:
- How the WorkKeys Assessments Can Work For You
- Understanding WorkKeys Scores
- WorkKeys Scale Score Interpretation Guide
- Score Level Interpretation – Applied Math
- Score Level Interpretation – Graphic Literacy
- Score Level Interpretation – Workplace Documents
- ACT NCRC for Career Seekers
- Work Readiness Standards and Benchmarks
- Key Train Profile Search

Case study: Increasing the use of the WorkKeys NCRC in the Chippewa Valley
One example of strategic and collaborative work occurring in Wisconsin to improve understanding about the value of the WorkKeys assessment is in the Chippewa Valley Region. This community has recently established itself as the first Work Ready Community in Wisconsin. The goal of this initiative is that employers in manufacturing and health care sectors in Eau Claire County will be familiar with the NCRC certificate as an indicator for college and career readiness and employers will recommend the NCRC as a hiring credential for jobs over a couple of years. This initiative is a collaborative effort between many leaders in Eau Claire County – business and community leaders, the local school districts, Chippewa Valley Technical College and UW-Stout. For more information about Work Ready

Communities, you can go to the [Work Ready Communities in Wisconsin webpage](#) which includes a list of employers that recognize the WorkKeys NCRC.

Reading Readiness

2018-19 School year
- For the 2018-19 school year, the reading readiness requirement will remain the same. Districts will be required to assess for reading readiness all 4 year old Kindergarten through 2nd grade students at least once during the school year. Each school board and the operator of each charter school shall select the appropriate, valid, and reliable assessment of literacy fundamentals to be used. The school board or operator shall ensure that the assessment evaluates whether a pupil possesses phonemic awareness and letter sound knowledge.

Reading Readiness Reimbursement
- Thank you to all DACs (and other staff) who completed the reading readiness reimbursement form. Reimbursements will be electronically distributed to districts prior to the end of the school year. DACs who have questions should contact Duane Dorn at duane.dorn@dpi.wi.gov or 608-267-1069.

Reading Readiness Results
- DPI will load 2017-18 PALS, MAP and STAR reading readiness results to WISEdash for Districts. Districts who had student data loaded for these screeners in 2016-17 will continue to have their data loaded in 2017-18. Districts that did not previously sign a data release will need to do so in order to have their data uploaded into WISEdash. Information on data sharing agreements can be found at:
    - PALS - https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/reading-readiness/FAQ#data
    - MAP - https://dpi.wi.gov/wisedash/districts/about-data/map
    - Star - https://dpi.wi.gov/wisedash/districts/about-data/star

ACCESS for ELLs

Reminders:

If you are interested in providing WIDA feedback on ACCESS or the WIDA Screener, a survey can be found [here](#).

DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES

Important Dates to Remember		
June	12: Profile (aggregate) reports mailed to schools and districts and available in PAnext. Student level data file cds mailed to DACs	ACT
	22: Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports will be made available electronically in eDIRECT	Forward
	29: Individual student reports and all other summative reports available in the Aspire Portal	Aspire

| July | 23:Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts | Forward |
| | mid-July: WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates and student logins and passwords for myworkkeys.com available in SAFE | WorkKeys |

Important Tasks to Remember

❏ Update KITE Client on testing devices.	DLM
❏ Ensure relevant team members are aware of the information regarding reading readiness assessment at Reading Readiness Overview and Reading Readiness FAQ.	Reading Readiness
❏ Review the ACT Data and Results webpage for details on ACT score reports. ❏ Review the WorkKeys Data and Results webpage for details on WorkKeys score reports. ❏ Distribute WorkKeys Individual Student Summary Reports to students.	ACT/WorkKeys

New Online Resource Highlights

As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience. This is NOT an exhaustive list, but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.

Resource	Description	Assessment
District Test Coordinator Checklist	A quick checklist for all of the required DLM responsibilities	DLM
Data Management Manual	A guide to the required steps for loading and editing data in KITE Educator Portal	
ACT Score Reporting Schedule	List of ACT reports and delivery dates.	ACT
ACT Data and Results	Webpage including links to sample reports and interpretive guides for the ACT.	
ACT Data Proficiency	Webpage providing information on Wisconsin's ACT performance levels.	
WorkKeys Data and Results	Webpage including links to sample reports and interpretive guides for WorkKeys.	WorkKeys
WorkKeys Score Reporting Schedule	List of WorkKeys reports and delivery dates.	
ACT Aspire Reporting Resources	Landing page for Aspire reporting resources, guides, and trainings.	Aspire
ACCESS Scores	Interpretive Guide, Parent Letters, etc.	ACCESS